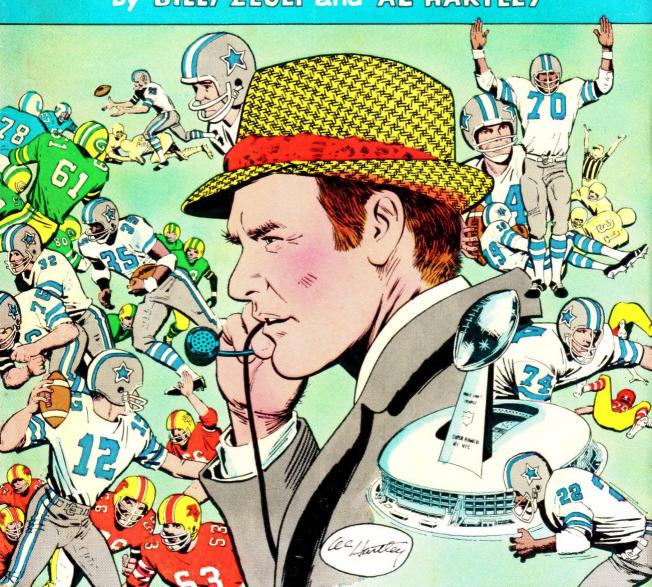


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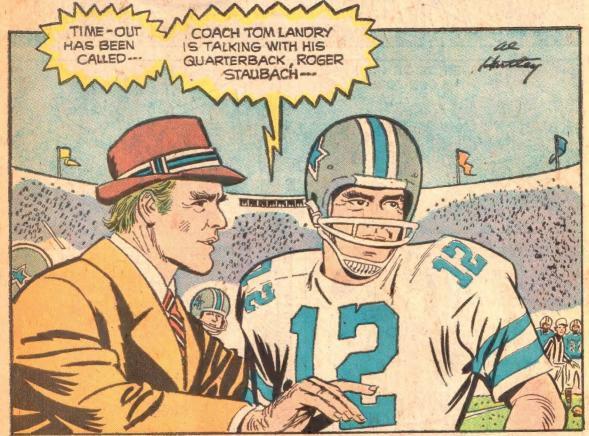


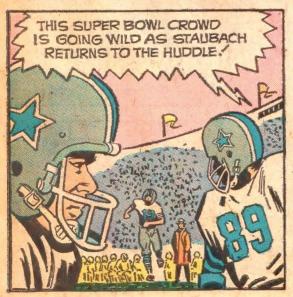
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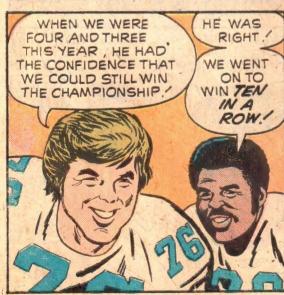










































BUT THE BIGGEST VICTORY OF MY LIFE TOOK PLACE ON A STREET CORNER IN DALLAS IN 1958. A BIBLE DISCUSSION
GROUP EVERY
WEDNESDAY
MORNING--

HOW'D YOU LIKE TO JOIN ME ?



I NEVER WILL FORGET THAT DAY! I FIGURED MY FRIEND HAD TO BE

WE MEET RIGHT HERE IN THE HOTEL! I'D GONE TO CHURCH ALL MY LIFE !

I KNEW THE EASTER STORY AND THE

CHRISTMAS STORY !



BUT HE WAS A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE SO I WENT TO THE BIBLE STUDY--- THEY WERE READING THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT---

JESUS SAID, DON'T BE UPTIGHT ABOUT YOUR LIFE --- DON'T GET BOGGED DOWN IN LITTLE THINGS!



JESUS TALKED ABOUT THE MAN WHO BUILT HIS HOUSE ON SAND! THIS MEANT A GREAT DEAL TO ME AS AN ATHLETE AND COACH!



MORE THAN MY SHARE OF VICTORY
AND GLORY--- BUT SOMETHING WAS
ALWAYS MISSING!



I MADE GOOD GRADES

I WAS

AND COMPLETELY WRAPPED UP IN ATHLETICS!



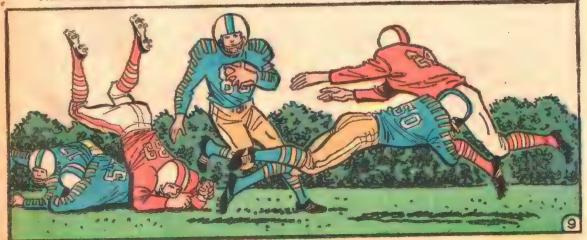
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH WERE A RITUAL!



FOOTBALL WAS REALLY MY RELIGION



THE BEST PLAYER ON THE BEST TEAM. IN MY JUNIOR YEAR, I WAS AN ALL-DISTRICT PLAYER AND WE WERE ALL-DISTRICT CHAMPS.



IN OUR SENIOR YEAR, WE WERE UNDEFEATED AND I WAS NAMED ALL-REGIONAL HALFBACK.



SOMETHING WHEN YOU ACHIEVE SOMETHING ATTHAT AGE ! IT MAKES YOU FEEL GOOD TO GET THE PRAISE OF PEOPLE !



BUT IT'S AMAZING HOW QUICKLY THE EXCITEMENT FADES ---



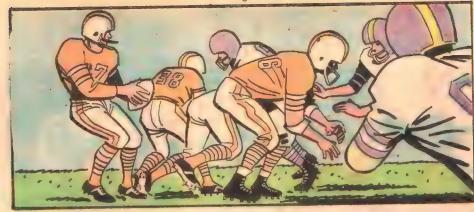
I FOUND I HAD TO SET NEW GOALS BECAUSE THERE WAS AN EMPTINESS AND RESTLESSNESS WITHIN ME---



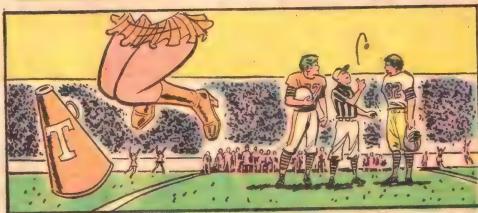
WHEN I WENT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, I FIGURED THIS IS WHAT LIFE IS ALL ABOUT.



IF I
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THE
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WOULD
BE IT

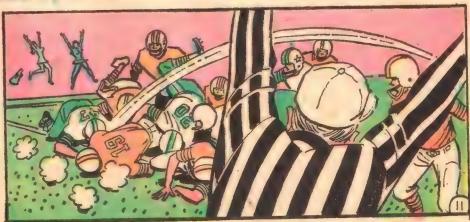


MADE THE TEAM AND BECAME CO-CAPTAIN.



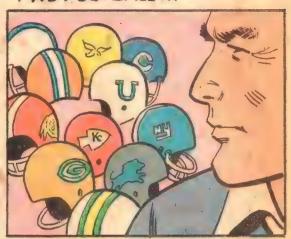


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IN THE
ORANGE
BOWL AND
SUGAR
BOWL
AND WON
THEM
BOTH.



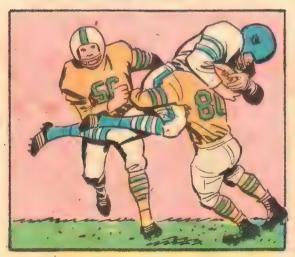
BUT EACH TIME AFTER ACHIEVING THE GOALS I SET FOR MYSELF, ALL THE EXCITEMENT AND THRILL WORE OFF ---







I WANTED TO BECOME ALL-PRO AND MADE IT !



I WANTED TO GET INTO THE PROBOWL GAME AND MADE IT!





I MAGINED THIS WAS BECAUSE I

THEN I BECAME A PLAYER-COACH AND LATER A DEFENSIVE COACH !



IN MY FIRST FULL YEAR AS COACH, WE WON THE WORLD CHAMPION -SHIP AGAINST THE CHICAGO BEARS IN YANKEE STADIUM!



THIS HAD TO BE THE BEST!
ON TOP OF THE WORLD AS WORLD
CHAMPIONS!

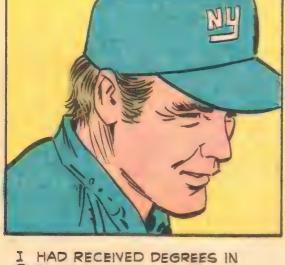




THE ELATION LASTED LONGER THIS TIME --- BUT IT, TOO, FADED.



HAD RECEIVED DEGREES IN BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING BY THIS TIME ---



SO I BEGAN TO MAKE PLANS TO LEAVE FOOTBALL !

THIS REALLY CONFUSED ME AND

WASN'T THE ANSWER!

I DECIDED THAT ATHLETICS JUST



AND IT WAS AT THIS POINT IN MY LIFE THAT I MET MY FRIEND ON THE STREET IN DALLAS AND JOINED HIS BIBLE STUDY .









ALL OF A SUDDEN I REALIZED THE BIBLE WAS RIGHT! I DIDN'T HAVE A ROCK!



I'D BEEN STANDING ON SAND ALL THESE YEARS...



THAT'S
WHY I
HADN'T
DISCOVERED
WHAT
LIFE IS
REALLY
ALL
ABOUT!

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE, THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST MADE SENSE TO ME !



THE MORE I GOT INTO THE BIBLE, THE MORE IF GOT INTO ME .



THE BIBLE WAS GOD'S WORD TO ME AND I BELIEVED EVERY PART OF IT! JESUS WAS GOD'S SON WHO DIED FOR MY SINS AND I ACCEPTED HIM AS MY PERSONAL SAVIOUR!

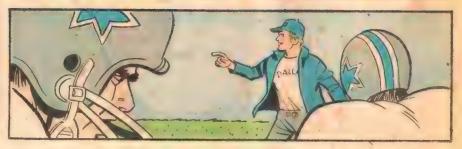




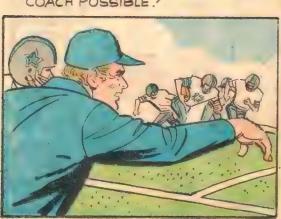
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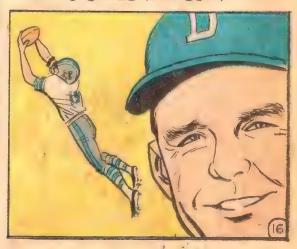
FELT GOD CHANGING ME ON THE INSIDE!



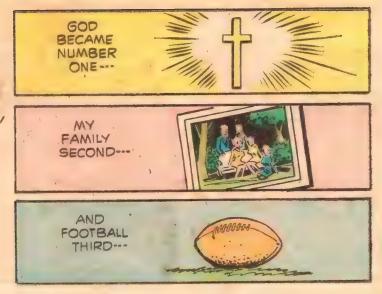
AMBITIONS --- I WAS CERTAIN THAT HE WANTED ME TO BE A COACH --- AND TO BE THE BEST COACH POSSIBLE!



BUT FOOTBALL WAS NO LONGER MY RELIGION ! AND I STOPPED PLAYING GAMES WITH GOD !



PRIORITIES CHANGED WHEN I BECAME A CHRISTIAN!



AFTER
THAT
THINGS
BEGAN
TO
FALL
INTO
PLACE

I BECAME COACH OF THE DALLAS COWBOYS .



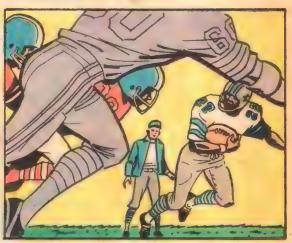
WE BEGAN THE TREMENDOUS STRUGGLE TO BUILD A FOOTBALL TEAM FROM SCRATCH!



AS I COACHED THE DALLAS COWBOYS, CHRIST WAS WITH ME!



I FOUND MY ATTITUDES CHANGING ...
ESPECIALLY MY ATTITUDE ABOUT
WINNING AND LOSING ./





THOSE
EARLY
DAYS
WITH
THE
COWBOYS,
GOD
SUPPORTED
ME
THROUGH
MANY
DEFEATS!





THERE
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DECISIONS
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UNDER
TREMENDOUS
PRESSURE!

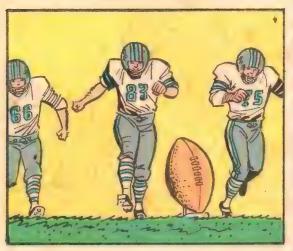


AND EACH TIME I KNEW THAT GOD WAS WITH ME.

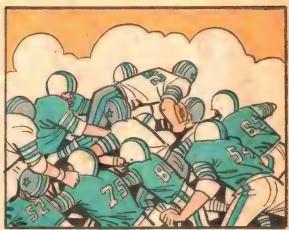


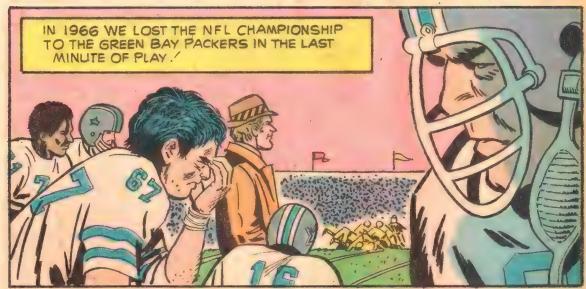


IN 1966 WE STARTED OUR STRING OF SEVEN STRAIGHT PLAY- OFFS.



IN THE PLAY-OFFS, WE BECAME KNOWN AS THE TEAM THAT COULDN'T WIN THE BIG GAME.

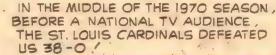


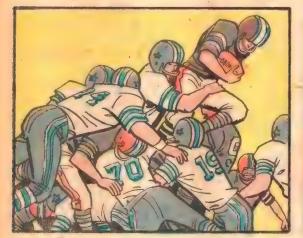






IN 1969 CLEVELAND AGAIN
DEFEATED US IN THE CONFERENCE
PLAY-OFFS.

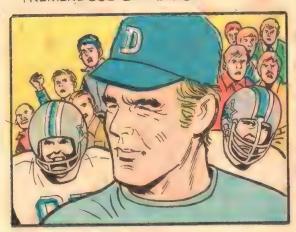




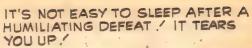




THERE WAS AN ENORMOUS REACTION AMONG THE PLAYERS AND FANS ---AND FOR A COACH, THIS IS A TREMENDOUS CHALLENGE.



BUT WHEN I GOT ON MY KNEES --- AND PRAYED --- I FOUND STRENGTH!

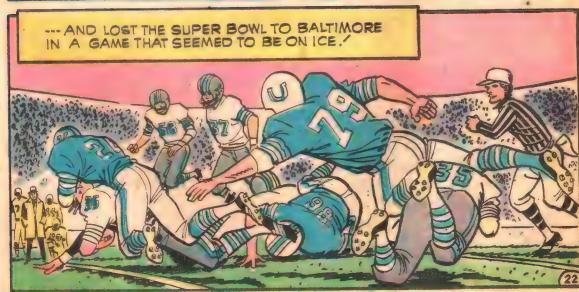




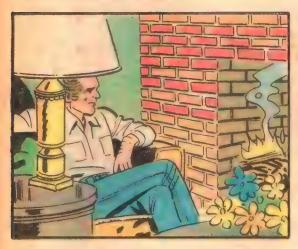
WE WON SEVEN GAMES IN A ROW AND WENT TO THE SUPER BOWL .



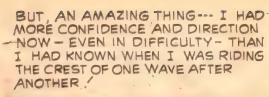
BEAT GOVE



AS I SURVEYED MY CHRISTIAN LIFE, I FOUND ONE DEFEAT AND TRIAL AFTER ANOTHER ---

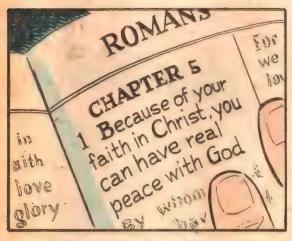


THE BIBLE WAS A LIVING BOOK TO ME AND I READ IN THE BOOK OF ROMANS





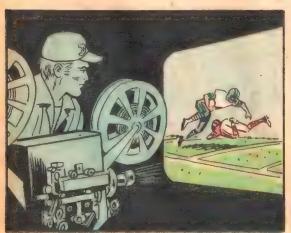
WITH JOY TO ALL THAT GOD HAS
IN STORE FOR YOU---



FOR YOUR PROBLEMS , BECAUSE THEY TEACH YOU TO BE PATIENT ---



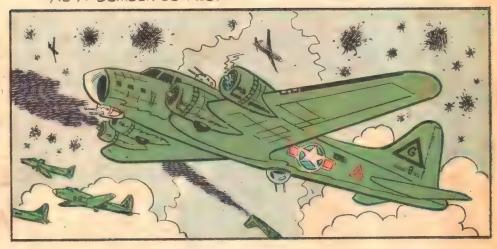
--- AND PATIENCE DEVELOPS STRENGTH OF CHARACTER, AND HELPS YOU TO TRUST GOD MORE EACH TIME YOU USE IT. UNTIL FINALLY YOUR HOPE AND FAITH ARE STRONG AND STEADY!





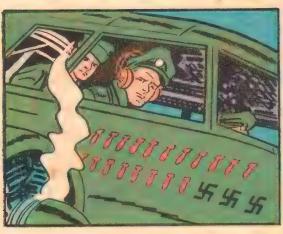
I THINK BACK TO MY SERVICE IN WORLD WAR II AS A BOMBER CO-PILOT! GOD WAS WITH ME WHILE I WAS INCHES FROM DEATH!

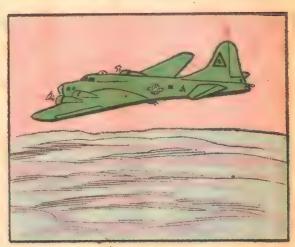
WAS
CERTAIN
GOD WAS
LEADING
IN MY
LIFE--I, NOW
REALIZED
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BEEN IN
CONTROL
ALL
ALONG!

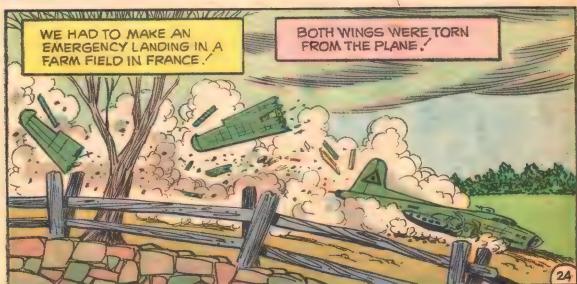


I THINK OF THE DAY WE RETURNED FROM A LONG MISSION DEEP INSIDE GERMANY---:

OUR AIRFIELD IN ENGLAND WAS SHROUDED IN FOG.







BUT OUR ENTIRE CREW WALKED AWAY UNHARMED!



TT'S A
TREMENDOUS
ASSURANCE
TO KNOW
THAT GOD
IS IN CONTROL
OF THINGS
AND THAT
ALL THINGS
WORK OUT
RIGHT FOR
THOSE WHO
REALLY
LOVE GOD
BECAUSE---

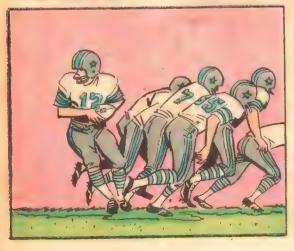
--- HALFWAY THROUGH THE
1971 SEASON WE CAME CLOSE
TO QUITTING AGAIN AS A
TEAM. NO ONE GAVE US A
CHANCE.



BUT GOD WAS THERE AND OUR CHAPEL SERVICES BEFORE EACH GAME TOOK ON A GREATER MEANING!



CHRIST HELPED MOLD TOGETHER A GROUP THAT HAD BEEN FRACTURED .



Y'KNOW, PEOPLE CAN SAY THAT GOD IS A THING YOU USE WHEN YOU LOSE, TO SUPPORT YOURSELF --- BUT HERE'S A SITUATION WHERE IT HAPPENED!



I'M NOT SAYING THAT GOD DIRECTLY INTERVENES IN AN ATHLETIC CONTEST, ALTHOUGH HE CERTAINLY COULD IF IT WERE IMPORTANT TO HIS PLAN.



BUT I REALLY BELIEVE HE TAKES

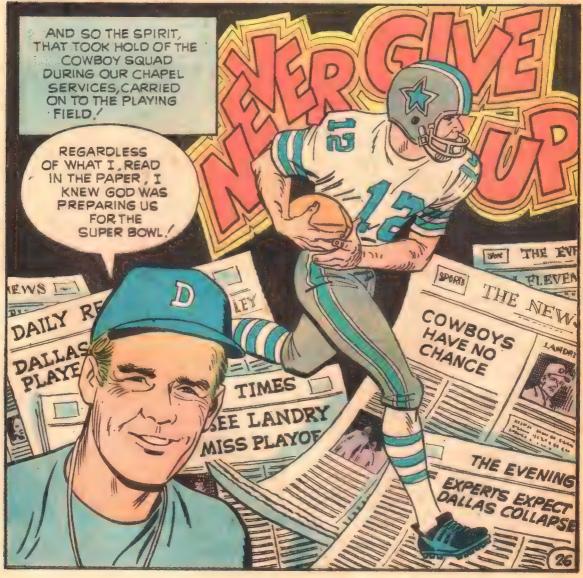


WHEN CHRIST IS IN YOUR LIFE , THERE MAY STILL BE SOME HANG-UPS AND PROBLEMS ---

--- BUT CHRIST GIVES YOU POWER TO COPE AND TO ACHIEVE YOUR POTENTIAL









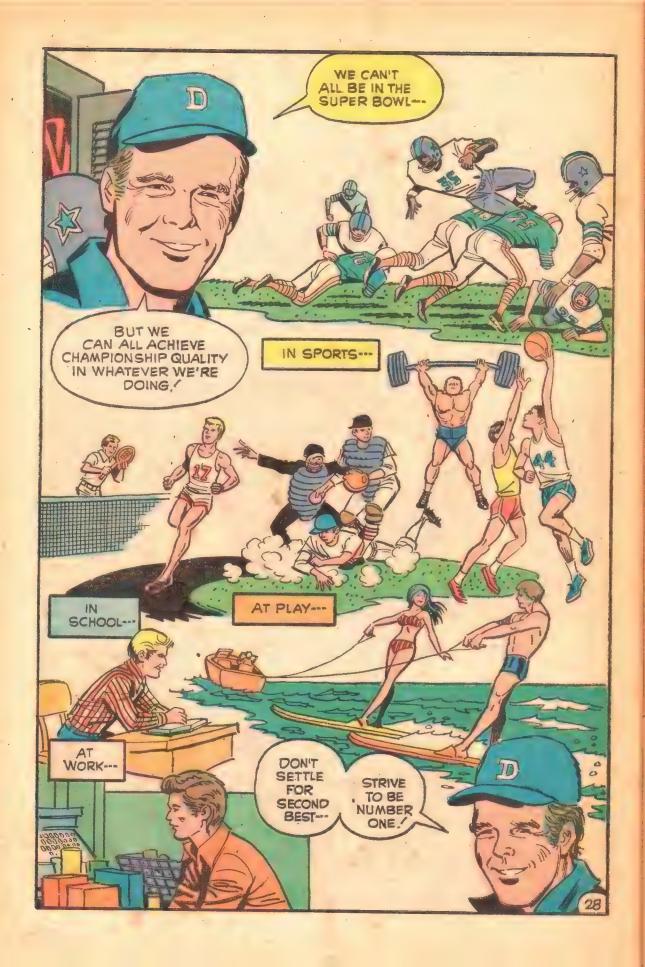


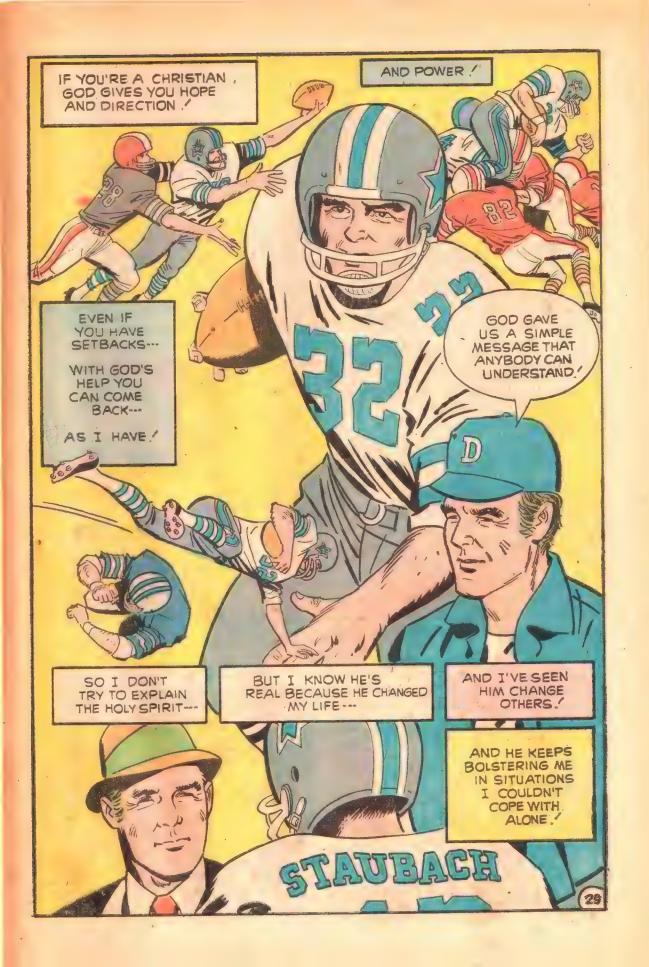


AND I MISSED OUT ON A GREAT DEAL DURING THOSE FIRST 33 YEARS!





















THAT'S
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I WAS
PROUD
TO BE
CHAIRMAN
OF THE
BILLY
GRAHAM
CRUSADE
IN
DALLAS







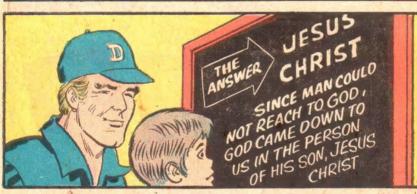
GOD'S GAME PLAN

LAID OUT IN HIS RULE BOOK FOR LIFE ... THE BIBLE FROM THE BLACKBOARD OF THE DALLAS COWBOYS' CHAPEL SERVICE



FOR ALL HAVE SINNED AND COME SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD.

ROMANS 3:23



JESUS SAID:
I AM THE
WAY, THE
TRUTH AND
THE LIFE
NO ONE
COMES TO
GOD EXCEPT
BY ME.

JOHN 14:6



WHOEVER
HAS CHRIST
HAS LIFE.
WHOEVER
DOES NOT
HAVE CHRIST
DOES NOT
HAVE LIFE.

I JOHN 5:12



DEAR GOD:

I NEED YOUR
FORGIVENESS.
I WANT CHRIST TO
BE LORD OF MY LIFE
IN EVERY WAY, THANK
YOU FOR THE WHOLE
NEW DIMENSION OF
LIFE THAT IS AVAILABLE
IN HIM.

IN JESUS'NAME AMEN Colorful!

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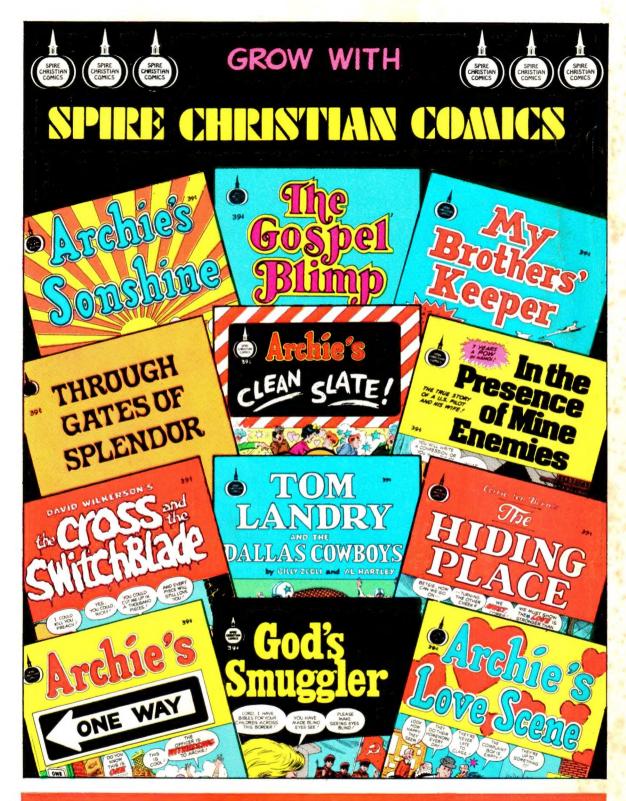
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